

HOUSE BILL 978
By Gresham

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4,
Chapter 3, Part 7, relative to economic and
community development.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 7, is amended by
adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

§ 4-3-734. The staff of the department of economic and community development
shall include at least one full-time employee who, by virtue of education and experience,
is a specialist in agriculturally based industrial enterprises and commerce. It shall be the
primary duty of such employee to encourage and promote expansion of existing,
agriculturally based industries and commercial endeavors in Tennessee as well as to
recruit new agri-industries and endeavors.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005, the public welfare requiring it.